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Sunday • May 28, 2023 at 10:30am  
 in Person & on Zoom

**Welcome to  
 CAPC Oakland!**

We are a reformed, multicultural, politically purple, community of followers of Jesus. Together we seek to vigorously live our faith in our words, actions, and relationships in the East Bay.

In this time of disruption and new normal we gather hybrid-ly (both in person and via Zoom).

This allows us to gather together and be consistent with our values and commitments.

We ask that you wear a mask during worship as some of our community (our children in particular) have high health risks.

**CHILDREN**

We've reconfigured out how to do our Godly Play program for children via Zoom. We meet 9:30-10am on Sundays via Zoom. Info in the announcements on the back.

**HYBRID WORSHIP**

We do our Sunday Gatherings hybrid style – both in person and online for those that prefer that option. We're seeking to do that, using Zoom, to affirm our value of participation and collaboration in our gatherings.

**PRAYER CARDS**

To operationalize participation in our Prayers of the People we invite you to fill out a prayer card and share it with the liturgist or to share your requests in the chat on ZOOM labeling it with 'prayer.'

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**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD BOTH IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM**

- PRELUDE "As The Windsong"
- GATHERING SONG "There's A Sweet Sweet Spirit In This Place" - *Glory to God # 408*
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- SONG OF PRAISE "I Will Call Upon The Lord" - *Glory to God # 621*  
*Children are invited to depart for Godly Play upstairs with today's Story-Teller*
- LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD
- HEARING SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21 & 1 Corinthians 12:3-13
- PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "Body Language" - *Rev. Monte McClain*
- RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
- SONG OF RESPONSE "Breathe" - *Insert*
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER  
 WE USE A CALL AND RESPONSE LITURGICALLY PRAYED AT THE CONCLUSION OF SHARING A PRAYER.  
 Leader: God, in your mercy.  
**People: Hear our prayer.**
- COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS
- OFFERING SONG "Veni Sancte Spiritus" - *Insert*
- THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
- SENDING SONG "Every Time I Feel The Spirit" - *Glory to God # 66*
- SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE  
 Leader: God is good! Leader: And all the time!  
**People: All the time! People: God is good!**
- EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION
- PASSING THE PEACE OF GOD "Amahoro yi Imana Abane Nawe" - *Rwandan*
- POSTLUDE "Fire On The Mountain"

## Reflections on Today's Readings Acts 2:1-21 and 1 Corinthians 12:3-13



Today we celebrate Pentecost: the birthday of the Church. What we now call the Church – those gathered in the name of Jesus grew out of an existing Jewish feast day. A celebration of the harvest, called the The Firstfruits or the Week of Weeks, it also came to be associated with the harvest of God's word – the gift of the Torah. According to the Hebrew Scriptures, you would go to the day of the celebration of Firstfruits, and beginning with that day, you would count off 50 days. The fiftieth day would be the Day of Pentecost. So Firstfruits is the beginning of the barley harvest and Pentecost is the celebration of the beginning of the wheat harvest. The name comes from the Greek word *pentekoste* which means 50<sup>th</sup>.

We celebrate the harvest and thanksgiving associated with the birthing of the Church in response to the sermon given by Peter as the Spirit of God fell upon the people and allowed them to both speak and hear the word of God in various languages. It's a celebration of community, communication, diversity and unity all connected to the purpose and presence of the Spirit of God.

We hear of the transformative and liberative presence of God's Spirit also in Paul's letter of pastoral advice to the divided church in ancient Corinth. They seemed to have been a community marked by passionate faith and also deep racial supremacy and class distinctions. This wasn't uncommon in the 1<sup>st</sup> century of our era, as the Romans divided society into two groups with regard to honor: the *honestiores*, or privileged and "honorable" strata of society, and the *humiliores*, who did not qualify for reasons of birth, lack of wealth, or education to be among the elite. Paul talks of a quite different way of structuring the community.

The Greek word for Church in the Second Testament (in particular Acts and the letters of Paul) is the word *Ekklesia*, meaning a "gathering of those summoned", in ancient Greece, assembly of citizens in a city-state. When you look at the etymology of the word we see that it's composed of the preposition *ek-* meanings out of or from; and the word *klesia* from the verb, "*kaleo*", signifying "to call" - together, literally, "to call out". So, it's a community or assembly that is called out of the normal way of being; or called to something different.

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in these texts?
- How do you experience the Church as a space and community called out of the normal way we do things in the world? How is it a place of the status quo, or the ways of the world?
- These scriptures tell of the best possible way for the Church to be. How do you long for our church to be better, more of an *ekklesia* that we have depicted as SAFE | OPEN | REAL ?
- What invitation do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to you – *or to us, as a church* – to act, speak, be, or change, through this word of scripture?

## May Birthdays

7 Tyler Conant Martin      8 Donovan Adams 2015  
15 Richard Harvey        18 Marge Harvey  
23 Rebecca LaMotte

## Today at & around CAPC Oakland

**Post Service Garden Party!** Join us for light snacks and the chance to connect after our service.

**Letters of Love:** *Everyone loves getting mail!* Pick up an addressed envelope in the back and write a note of encouragement and love to someone who could use a good word. Recipients and their situations are explained on the magnetic board.

**Godly Play:** we're beginning in person Godly Play today! Our Godly Players will stay with us in worship through the second song then head up to do their work and fun together in the Godly Play room.

Happy Graduation and Promotion to all our students!

## This Week at & around CAPC Oakland

**Community Bible Study (Wrestling with Scripture) – Tues 7pm on Zoom**

**Friday Night Meal – Fridays 6:00-7:00PM.**

Sign up online to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up – this -or *any* Friday! This coming week Trinity Fellowship of Berkely is cooking.

**Women's Group:** Saturday 9:30-10:30am on Zoom.

**R U a Heretic ?** Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom. – Thinking through your own faith as we look at the historic heresies. This week we talking about the Donatists. *More info online.*

**Leadership Retreat – Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

*A join session of our Deacons and Elders for working on our strategic plan and global church vision!*

**New Church Directory** – we're putting together a new church directory. Take a moment to look at your address/contact info and correct anything that needs it. Lists are in the back of the sanctuary.

**Mental Health Awareness Month**– we're talking about Mental Health & Wellness all month in worship. Find resources and helpful links on our blog at [www.capcoakland.me](http://www.capcoakland.me). or with this QR Code



**Thank You to Today's Leadership:**

Godly Play: Beth Beatty  
Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle,  
Ben Kramarz, & Roger Kim  
Video Tech: Albert Hussian, Thom Faulkner

## LYRICS & RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

*We affirm that God is neither male nor female – but wholly and holy other. In doing so, we seek to empower each person to participate fully in worship; able to identify with the lyrics of songs and the words of our communal prayers through our use of gender inclusive language*

### “There's A Sweet Sweet Spirit In This Place”

*Doris Akers (1962) | Glory to God #408*

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1. There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

*Refrain*

Sweet Holy Spirit,  
Sweet Heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us,  
Filling us with Your love,  
And for these blessings  
We lift our hearts in praise,  
Without a doubt we'll know  
That we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.

2. There are blessings you cannot receive  
till you know him in his fullness and believe;  
You're the one to port when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

### Call to Worship Opening litany

*~ Adapted from Multiple Scriptures by Chip Hardwick  
<https://thepastorsworkshop.com>*

One: In the beginning,  
God created the heavens and the earth,  
Darkness was over the deep,  
and the Spirit of God  
was hovering over the waters.

**People: Centuries before Jesus walked among us,  
The Spirit of God was promised to him,  
so that he would bring justice to the nations.**

One: Jesus sent the Spirit of truth  
to teach us and give us peace.

**People: At Pentecost the Spirit came,  
as the rush of violent wind and tongues of fire.**

**All: That same Spirit is among us now.  
Let us worship God!**

### “I Will Call Upon The Lord”

*Michael O'Shields (1994) | Based upon Psalm 18:3 & 46  
Glory to God #621*

*Verse:*

I Will call upon the Lord (echo)  
Who is worthy to be praised.(echo)  
So shall I be saved from enemies.(echo)  
I will call upon the Lord

*Refrain:*

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock  
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.  
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock  
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.

### “Breathe”

*Marie Barnett*

*Songwriters: Liam Howe / Tahliah Barnett / Timmaz Zolley  
Breathe lyrics © Words & Music A Div Of Big Deal Music LLC,*

This is the air I breathe  
This is the air I breathe  
Your holy presence living in me

This is my daily bread  
This is my daily bread  
Your very word spoken to me

And I, I'm desperate for you  
And I, I'm I'm lost without you

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## Veni Sancti Spiritus

*Taizé Community*

1. Come Holy Spirit  
from heaven shine forth  
Fill our hearts with peace  
and show us how to act

Veni Sancte Spiritus

2. Come Holy Spirit  
lift our souls above  
The noise and harm  
we do to one another

Veni Sancte Spiritus

3. Come Holy Spirit show us  
grace and truth  
That we may know and hope  
in all we say and do

Veni Sancte Spiritus

## Every Time I Feel The Spirit

*African American spiritual*

*The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #315 | Glory to God #66*

*chorus*

Every time I feel the spirit  
moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes every time I feel the spirit  
moving in my heart I will pray.

1. Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke.  
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me; it looked so fine  
'til I asked my Lord if all was mine.

2. Jordan river is chilly and cold.  
It chills the body but not the soul  
There is but one train upon this track.  
It runs to heaven and then right back

3. Down in the valley rings my Lord's voice.  
It gives me freedom, and all my choice  
I breathe so deeply, and breathe so well.  
I know my Lord has triumphed o'er hell

4. Out in the desert amidst the sand;  
it's only my God that helps me stand  
No trial too big to hinder my strife;  
I will push onward, all through my life